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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Tarou TAKAGI	:	Confirmation Number: 2147
Application No.: 10/806,112	:	Group Art Unit: 2673
Filed: September 19, 2002	:	Allowed: September 21, 2005
	:	Examiner: P. K. Nguyen
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DESCRIBING SOLID SHAPE S, AND CAD/CAM SYSTEM WHICH EMPLOYS THE METHOD	:	

**COMMENTS RESPONSIVE TO STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 104(e)**

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Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the September 21, 2005 Notice of Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Entry of that Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the stated reasoning.

The Statement repeats verbatim three of the method step recitations appearing in independent method claim 23. Although somewhat similar functional language appears in apparatus claim 27, the scope of the independent claims differ. It is submitted that each claim is independently patentable in its own right, not just for one general reason as suggested by the Statement. Also, the patentable language of the allowed claims is already of record in the case and is adequately clear; therefore repetition of claim language in the Statement adds nothing

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substantive to the record and should not create any narrowing interpretation or estoppel with regard to any of the allowed claims. Furthermore, the claims were presented as new claims at the time of filing of this continuation application and have been allowed in the first action, without any rejection in this case.

It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation and to the broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims and the supporting disclosure, without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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